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morally objectionable. So he's saying also that's not the primary reason...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...we are opposed to using this tissue. He goes on to say it's morally unacceptable, morally objectionable, and that is the two main pro-life leaders in the state's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. We are debating FA171 to AM0348 to LB 462. Senator Brashear, on that amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, as we come to the hour appointed by the Speaker, our leader, there are some things I'd like to try and clarify. I've been making some miscellaneous notes. First of all, in case anyone is under any illusion, I want to disabuse you of the notion that I'm in some sort of a box as I stand here. I'm free and able to move about; I'm not in a box. I didn't ask anybody's permission to file a motion to suspend; I didn't ask anybody's permission to withdraw I'm happy to work with the people who represent the special interests that share the same side of this issue as I am to work with the people who share the same side of any issue that comes before the body. And I understand that those who oppose the instant legislation are happy to work with those who oppose it. I think we have good people all. I think these are honest disagreements. I'd like to believe that everybody is doing their duty as they see it, understand and feel it, and I think that's honorable. I also would like to note for the record that I don't recall once in the course of the day using the word theology, and I'll not use it now. We, I think, Senator Chambers was good enough to come back and tell me that we had clarified the issues with regard to the definition of use. This has been an interesting debate. You get beat up for all the definitions you don't include in the bill, and you don't get any credit for the definitions you do include. But so what? That's life. We're surrounded here by advocates, advocates of ability,